

transit, the region has the second longest mean commuting time in the country. The dollar cost of congestion in the region is the highest in the country based on wasted time and fuel—and it is getting worse. I know this hardly comes as a shock to Members that live and travel around the region, but these figures dramatize the desperate need for major transportation improvements.

No single element of the regional transportation system is more critical than the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge which crosses the Potomac River on interstate 95. Anyone that drives in this region knows that a problem at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge can create gridlock throughout the entire Washington region. This 35-year-old bridge is the only federally owned bridge in the National Highway System.

Built to carry 75,000 vehicles per day, the bridge now carries 152,000 vehicles per day and 17,000 heavy trucks each day. The heavy traffic load on the bridge has shortened the bridges useful life span to roughly 10 years. If action is not taken to replace this vital bridge, this region and every driver or trucker trying to go north or south through the Mid-Atlantic on I-95 could be affected. We are talking about rerouting truck traffic or reducing the number of lanes on the bridge to extend the life of the bridge. The traffic and economic impact on this region of reducing the already congested traffic flow on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge would be devastating.

The Federal Highway Administration has estimated that it will cost somewhere around \$1.7 billion to replace this federally-owned bridge.

This is one project critical to my region. I know many Members have their own essential regional transportation projects. We need the Shuster-Oberstar-Petri-Rahall amendment to the budget resolution if we are going to get the money desperately needed to accomplish these projects of national importance. I urge all Members to support this critical amendment.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHAYS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. GINGRICH, for 5 minutes, on May 21.

Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each, day on May 21 and 22.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. GONZALEZ) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. FORD.

Ms. HARMAN.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHAYS) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. EWING.

Mr. BOEHNER.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mr. PAUL.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. GRAHAM.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. WOLF.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the speaker's table and referred as follows:

3368. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of May 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105—84); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3369. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—De Novo Applications for a Federal Savings Association Charter [No. 97-48] (RIN: 1550-AA76) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3370. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 95F-0163] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3371. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; 1,3-Butylene Glycol [Docket No. 87G-0351] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3372. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of

Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Establishment of a Performances Standard for Electrode Lead Wires and Patient Cables [Docket No. 94N-0078] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3373. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Informal Small Entity Guidance [10 CFR Part 2] (RIN: 3150-AF68) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3374. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Venezuela (Transmittal No. 18-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3375. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Venezuela (Transmittal No. 17-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3376. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 10-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3377. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 11-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3378. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3379. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3380. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-13), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3381. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3382. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997; and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3383. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.